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SUBJECT: SSOD: GROMYKO ADDRESS, MAY 26, 1978

1. SUMMARY. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF MAY 26 SSOD PLENARY
ADDRESS BY FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO. END SUMMARY.

2. GROMYKO ADDRESS CONTAINED REITERATION OF KNOWN
SOVIET DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS PLUS A FEW NEW TWISTS
TO PAST IDEAS. SOVIET ALSO INTRODUCED PAPER ON "PRACTI-
CAL WAYS TO END THE ARMS RACE," WHICH PARALLELS MOST
OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE SPEECH. GROMYKO'S STATEMENT
WAS RELATIVELY MODERATE IN TONE, ALTHOUGH IT DID
CONTAIN A FEW BARBS DIRECTED AT US. HE NOTED VICE
PRESIDENT MONDALE'S SPEECH REFERRED PRIMARILY TO ARMS
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CONTROL, NOT DISARMAMENT, AND AND QUESTIONED WHETHER
THIS WAS OJECTIVE OF SSOD. DEPLORING LACK OF PROGRESS
TOWARDS DISARMAMENT , HE NOTED NATO SUMMIT MEETING
WOULD TAKE PLACE DURING SSOD AND EXPECTED CALLS FOR
INCREASE IN DEFENSE SPENDING. HE CALLED REFERENCES
TO SOVIET MILITARY THREAT A MYTH AND SAID SOVIETS HAVE
ONLY FOUGHT DEFENSIVE WARS. HE CRITICIZED US STATEMENT

THAT SS-20 COULD BE TARGETTED IN DIRECTIONS BESIDES EUROPE, SAYING THIS IS EQUALLY TRUE OF US MISSILES, AND ASKED WHY US NUCLEAR AND MISSILE WEAPONS WERE DEPLOYED IN EUROPE AT ALL.

3. GROMYKO SAID CURRENT ATMOSPHERE OF DETENT IS CONDUCTIVE TO MAKING FURTHER ARMS LIMITATION EFFORTS. THIS WAS GIVEN IMPETUS BY BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO BONN. SOVIET UNION IS NOT SEEKING MILITARY SUPERIORITY BUT SEEKS CONCRETE STEPS TOWARDS DISARMAMENT. HE SAID IF POLITICAL DETENTE DOES NOT MERGE WITH MILITARY DETENTE POSITIVE GAINS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ACHIEVED OVER THE YEARS MAY VANISH. HE CALLED FOR SEVERAL IMMEDIATE STEPS TO HALT THE ARMS RACE, ESPECIALLY "THE COMPLETE CESSATION OF A FURTHER QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE BUILDUP OF ARMS AND ARMED FORCES OF STATES WITH LARGE MILITARY POTENTIAL." HE THEN REPEATED THE STEPS CONTAINED IN BREZHNEV'S KOMOSOL ADDRESS:

-- CESSATION OF THE PRODUCTION OF ALL TYPES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

-- CESSATION OF THE PRODUCTION AND THE PROHIBITION OF ALL OTHER TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

-- CESSATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TYPES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS OF GREAT DESTRUCTIVE CAPABILITY

-- RENUNCIATION OF EXPANDING THE ARMIES AND BUILDING UP CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS OF THE POWERS- PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE MILITARY AGREEMENTS WITH THEM.

4. GROMYKO DECLARED THE SOVIETS READY TO PROCEED WITH ANY OR ALL OF THE ABOVE, ALTHOUGH PRIORITY COULD BE GIVEN TO HALTING PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. TO THAT END, HE PROPOSED THAT TALKS GET UNDER WAY ON "THE CESSATION OF THE PRODUCTION OF ALL TYPES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND GRADUAL REDUCTION OF THEIR STOCKPILES UP TO THEIR COMPLETE DESTRUCTION." HE SAID OF COURSE ALL NUCLEAR POWERS MUST TAKE PART IN THE TALKS, BUT COULD ALSO USEFULLY INCLUDE A NUMBER OF NON-NUCLEAR STATES. MATTERS OF PARTICIPATION, AGENDA AND QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED WOULD BE WORKED OUT BY A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. HE FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT THE SSOD ADOPT A DECISION OF PRINCIPLE TO START NEGOTIATION ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND ALSO ON THE QUESTION OF THE NON-USE OF FORCE.

5. IN CONNECTION WITH PREVENTING THE FURTHER SPREAD
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, GROMYKO MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- HE OFFERED THE OLD KOSYGIN NEGATIVE SECURITY
ASSURANCE FORMULATION: "THE SOVIET UNION WILL NEVER
USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST THOSE STATES WHICH RENOUNCE
THE PRODUCTION AND ACQUISITION OF SUCH WEAPONS AND DO
NOT HAVE THEM ON THEIR TERRITORIES." HE SAID USSR WAS
READY TO ENTER AN APPROPRIATE BILATERAL AGREEMENT
WITH ANY NON-NUCLEAR STATE AND CALLED ON OTHER NUCLEAR
STATES TO FOLLOW SOVIET EXAMPLE.

-- BREZHNEV HAD SIGNED THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO AND
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SOVIETS WOULD CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CREATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONES ON OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. HE CITED THE THREAT OF ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

-- SOVIETS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO FURTHERING THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND CALL ON ALL STATES TO ADHERE TO THE NPT.

-- HE PROPOSED THAT THE SSOD CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF "NON-STATIONING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON THE TERRITORIES OF STATES WHERE THERE ARE NO SUCH WEAPONS AT PRESENT." THE SOVIETS ARE PREPARED TO TAKE THIS OBLIGATION.

-- HE REITERATED EASTERN PROPOSAL THAT THE CSCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICIPANTS SIGN A TREATY ON THE NON FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

6. HE CALLED FOR THE MUTUAL RENUNCIATION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB AND DECLARED THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD NOT PRODUCE IT UNLESS THE US OR OTHERS DO SO.

7. GROMYKO TOUCHED ON MOST EXISTING ARMS CONTROL DISCUSSIONS, SAYING A FRESH IMPETUS TO NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY AT VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORUMS OR ON A BILATERAL BASIS CAN BE ONE OF THE CONCRETE RESULTS OF THE SSOD:

-- HE SAID MANY OF THE SALT DIFFICULTIES HAD BEEN OVERCOME AND "POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR RESOLVING THE REMAINING ISSUES." SOVIETS ARE PREPARED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SIGNING OF SALT II TO THEN MOVE ON TO TALKS "WHICH SHOULD LEAD--WITH ALL THE NECESSARY FACTORS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT--TO A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION" OF LEVELS FOR STRATEGIC ARMS AND TO FURTHER LIMITATION ON QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENT.

-- HE SAW GROUNDS TO EXPECT A SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE CTB TALKS AND CALLED ON THE OTHER NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES TO FOLLOW THIS LEAD.

-- HE SAW THE NEED FOR A DECISIVE SPURT ON THE CW TALKS.

-- HE SAID AN RW AGREEMENT IS "IN THE OFFING."

-- HE CALLED THE MBFR TALKS HIGHLY IMPORTANT BUT REPEATED CONTENTION THAT "APPROXIMATE MILITARY PARITY EXISTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE" AND WEST SHOULD ABANDON

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EFFORTS TO SECURE UNILATERAL ADVANTAGES. HE SAID UNLIKE NATO, SOVIETS HAD NOT ENLARGED FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE FOR A LONG TIME AND SAID SOVIETS DO NOT INTEND TO INCREASE THEM IN THE FUTURE BY A SINGLE SOLDIER OR TANK.

-- TALKS ON THE LIMITATION AND SUBSEQUENT REDUCTION OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN ARE "NOW IN PROGRESS." THESE ARE OF DIRECT INTEREST TO THE LITTORAL STATES AND SHOULD LEAD LATER TO THE REDUCTION OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE DISMANTLING OF FOREIGN MILITARY BASES. THIS WOULD SUPPORT EFFORTS FOR AN INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE.

-- CONSULTATIONS ON "LIMITATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TRANSFERS OF CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS" REQUIRE A POLITICAL APPROACH. THIS IS AN URGENT PROBLEM. WE CANNOT EQUATE AGGRESSOR AND VICTIM OR ENCROACH ON THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLES TO SEEK LIBERATION FROM COLONIAL AND RACIST OPPRESSION.

-- HE CALLED ON SSOD MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT DONE SO TO BECOME PARTIES TO EXISTING MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS.

-- HE GAVE A NEW TWIST TO PREVIOUS SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR REDUCTIONS IN MILITARY BUDGETS, "TO GET THINGS MOVING," SUGGESTING THAT THESE REDUCTIONS BE IN ABSOLUTE FIGURES, NOT PERCENTAGE POINTS AND THAT REDUCTIONS BE UNDERTAKEN BY STATES WITH LARGE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY POTENTIAL AND IN FIRST INSTANCE BY PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL. PART OF FUNDS DIRECTED WOULD GO TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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8. ON MACHINERY, HE CALLED FOR CONVENING A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. HE CALLED FOR "CIRCUMSPECTION" IN TAMPERING WITH EXISTING DISARMAMENT MACHINERY AND SAW NO NEED "TO GIVE UP EXISTING NEGOTIATING CHANNELS OR RESTRUCTURE THEM RADICALLY."

9. TEXT OF SOVIET PAPER ON "PRACTICAL WAYS TO END THE ARMS RACE" IS MOSTLY A REITERATION OF POINTS MADE IN THE GROMYKO SPEECH. HOWEVER, IT DOES MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS:

-- CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON ENDING PRODUCTION AND REDUCING STOCKPILES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, IT SUGGESTS THE POSSIBILITY THAT NOT ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES WOULD NEED BE INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS AT FIRST
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NOR REDUCE STOCKPILES AT THE SAME TIME. IT REFERS TO A STAGED APPROACH, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT DIFFERENCES IN THE LEVELS OF MILITARY POTENTIAL.

-- IT STATES THAT AGREEMENT ON FREEZING MILITARY FORCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN COULD BE REACHED "IN A MATTER OF MONTHS" AND CRITICIZES THE US FOR UNJUSTIFIABLY LONG RECESSES BETWEEN ROUNDS.

-- ON CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS, IT CALLS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRECISE POLITICAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEGAL CRITERIA TO ESTABLISH WHEN ARMS TRANSFERS ARE PERMISSIBLE AND WHEN THEY ARE NOT.

10. TEXTS OF SOVIET STATEMENT AND PAPER HAVE BEEN DATAFAXED IO/HELMAN. YOUNG

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